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A LESSON.

A lesson may be learned from the Jackson case, which it may be well to take to heart. In the horror caused by the dreadful catastrophe which caused three persons to lose their lives the community sought for some one who should be blamed. Jackson, whose relations with his wife had been strained to breaking point fell under suspicion, and in the few hours after the fire, there was probably no one who did not consider Jackson guilty. Had this been a lawless community Jackson would have stood a very good chance of being lynched and a second terrible crime have been added to the original one, if there were an original one.

This shows to what erroneous conclusions hasty generalization may lead, to what terribly fatal results a community or a portion of a community may be hurried. For after a full trial and the clear presentation of the case against him by an able lawyer, Jackson was declared by a jury as not guilty. He did not get off upon a technicality, but was cleared by the evidence produced by the lawyers for the defense. There was no doubt upon the point. It was not a question of giving the prisoner the benefit of the doubt. It was a case of clearly not guilty.

There are always those in a community who spring to hasty conclusions, and who would if possible find some one to bear the blame of a crime committed at once. This community has fortunately up to this time, consisted of men self contained enough to await the course of justice, men who would not allow justice to be forestalled and its place taken by the blind injustice of a prejudiced and a prejudging crowd.

Other communities have suffered from hasty action and other communities have repented bitterly the moral effect of such hasty action, but repentance can never atone for hasty action of this kind. The wrong is done and never can be undone. As long as courts are pure, as long as we have clear headed and impartial jurymen, everything of a criminal character may be left without fear of mistake to the proper machinery of justice.

Another feature of Jackson's case is also worth considering. There are religious workers in our jail, who labor successfully with prisoners both before and after sentence. Jackson was brought by these workers to a sense of his position. He went into prison, shunned and friendless. He left the dock with these helping hands stretched out to save him and try to lead him into more worthy paths. All honor to people who show their religion in so practical a way and carry out the precept of visiting the sick and those downcast in spirit. They will undoubtedly hear some day the words "I was sick and in prison and you ministered unto me," and will receive the promised reward.

Young Macomber may indeed be regarded as fortunate if he has come into an estate valued at half a million of dollars. Wealth, however, does not always bring happiness, though it helps a long way towards it.

The law delays in California are likely to cost this country pretty dear. It has put an end to Pearl harbor improvements for a good year and perhaps longer. This is good for us, however, as it will teach us the value of patience.

The lantana bugs are making their way here and will in a season or two begin to make serious inroads into the plant which has caused so much trouble to the graziers and cattlemen. Hundred of thousands of dollars have been spent to keep down the pest, only to find that the work has all to be done over again. The insect enemies of the lantana have set in to do their work effectually, and once it is completed it will be done for good and all.

Isn't it about time that party platforms, legislative resolutions, and other more or less formal, public utterances directed to congress abandoned the puerile proposal that congress allow us to retain a certain proportion of the customs receipts of the territory. Such proposal has been made a number of times. Congress has appropriated money for us for several different purposes. But never once has the proposal to allow us to retain a portion of the customs receipts been suggested in congress. Congress don't do things that way. It is belittling to suggest it. It is as if the United States couldn't afford to pay the money outright from the treasury, but the financial burden would be eased by retaining customs receipts. Congress does things in just the opposite way. It wants no loopholes to tempt administrative officers. It wants every cent due the United States to go first into the treasury and be accounted for as receipts there, and then it will see to it that any money it wants paid out for any purpose is properly appropriated and goes out of the treasury under proper conditions of audit and account. As an instance of the scrupulousness with which congress insists that all money due the United States shall go into the treasury, and all money due from the United States shall go out of the treasury without anybody being allowed to "retain" money coming into their hands, even if the United States owes them money, is shown in the recent act of congress giving a rebate on the duty on coal. Congress might have allowed importers to "retain" the duty. But it didn't. It still requires them to pay it, and then the United States in turn pays them an amount equal to that which they have paid in.

For us then, to keep on proposing that congress shall allow us to "retain" part of the customs receipts, is simply to show our ignorance, both of the methods and temper of congress, and is bound to react to our disadvantage. Let us have done with such proposals.



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Colonel Lynch now doubtless considers himself in the Florence Maybrick class.—Houston (Texas) Post.

Colonel Arthur Lynch will be utilized as a scarecrow, but never on the gallows.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

All in all, Colonel Arthur Lynch's conduct has been more creditable to his heart than to his head.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

King Edward will not order the execution of Colonel Lynch. His majesty is trying to be good to the Irish.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Colonel Lynch was not enough of a newspaper man and too much of a Boer. But he will not be drawn and quartered.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The commutation of Colonel Lynch's sentence from death to penal servitude for life seems to be generally satisfactory to every one except Colonel Lynch.—Detroit Journal.

They have commenced to reduce the sentence of death imposed upon Colonel Arthur Lynch for treason, and by the time the violets bloom that gentleman may be enjoying entire freedom.—Pittsburg Gazette.

Colonel Lynch's sentence of death has been commuted to life imprisonment. The British government will find, however, that this will not soften the wrath of the Irish.—Cleveland Leader.

FINANCIER AGUINALDO.

Aguinaldo is a financier to the finish.—Washington Star.

Aguinaldo apparently has ambitions to out-Castro Castro in the line of borrowing.—Baltimore Herald.

Aguinaldo yet retains his superb nerve. He wants to borrow \$20,000,000 from the United States.—Denver Post.

At least Aguinaldo has suggested an answer to the question "what to do with the surplus in the treasury."—Des Moines Register and Leader.

Perhaps the most substantial paragraph in Aguinaldo's plea for a loan of \$100,000,000 is the one in which he fears he will be locked upon as a dreamer.—Washington Post.

Aguinaldo may be semi-barbaric and all that sort of thing, but he is a regular J. P. Morgan when it comes to getting up a financial scheme.—Columbia (Ga.) Enquirer-Sun.

Aguinaldo reappears in time to ask this country to loan him and his fellows \$80,000,000. Modesty never was a distinguishing trait in his make-up.—Birmingham (Ala.) Age-Herald.

Aguinaldo, in his appeal to Congress for assistance for the Philippines, says he knows how little he is qualified to solve the financial enigma perplexing the islands. And yet, if we remember rightly, Aguinaldo achieved a certain reputation as a financier in his dealings with Spain.—Leavenworth (Kan.) Times.

VALUABLE COWS.

Railroad men say that no cow worth less than \$75 was ever killed by a train, and the officials engaged in stamping out the foot-and-mouth disease in New England say that, judging by the indemnity asked for infected stock, only the most valuable animals are always attacked by this disease.—Rural, New Yorker.

WOMAN COMPOSER.

Augusta Holmes, whose death is reported from Paris, was the best-known woman composer in France, with the exception of Cecile Chaminade, and her work was of a more serious character than that of the popular last-named composer. Augusta Holmes, though she had long made her home in Paris,

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